The company has been getting orders in small batches for two-wheelers from various countries. The company has adequate production capacity to meet the export orders. The company is yet to operate viably as it is still incurring cash losses.

Inquiry commissions on aircraft accidents

*276. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 381 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 1994 and state:

(a) the number of inquiry commissions set up on the aircraft accidents so far and the number of cases in which the inquiry reports are yet to be submitted;

(b) what guidelines have been issued by Government to pilots on the basis of the findings of the inquiry commissions; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to check the aircraft accidents and to make the pilots follow the safety rules/norms strictly?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) During the period from 1.1.89, Government had set up seven Courts of Inquiry to investigate air accidents under Rule 75 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 of which five have submitted their reports so far.

(b) Necessary instructions have been issued to operators by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation to implement the accepted recommendations on operating procedures and other pilot-related matters to enhance the level of air safety.

(c) Implementation of the recommendations emanating from investigation of aircraft accidents, dissemination of safety information, monitoring of cockpit voice recorders, surveillance by Flight Inspectors, periodic inspection of aerodromes, implementation of measures for eradication of bird menace at Airports etc. are some of the major steps taken to enhance the level of air safety.

Entry of 'Sony in Indian market

*277. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated 26th July, 1994 under the caption "SONY set to enter Indian Market";

(b) If so, whether this giant Japanese Electronics Company has finalised its discussions with FIPB (Foreign Investment Promotion Board) and whether Government have approved the project, if so when;

(c) whether this company at the initial stage of production will be domestic oriented; and

(d) if so, what are the full details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Japanese Electronics Company 'Sony' has submitted its proposal for establishing manufacturing of Colour TVs and other audio and Video equipments in the domestic sector. The Government, however, has not yet taken any decision on the proposal.